

## Message Text

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 1119 VICE 1092))

DEPT PLEASE PASS TREASURY FOR A/S BERGSTEN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, EAIR, GB

SUBJECT: BOEING 747

REF: STATE 115202, TREASURY 3061

1. AFTER TWO DAYS OF UTILE EFFORT TO SEE MINFIN OKINDA TO TELL HIM OF BOEING'S ATTEMPTS TO TELEPHONE HIM. I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TELL PRESIDENT BONGO EVENING MAY8 WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL, OF BOEING'S TELEPHONE PROBLEM AND TO SAY THAT BOEING WAS INDEED INTERESTED IN COMING TO AN ARRANGEMENT WITH GOG. BONGO'S IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS THAT BOEING SHOULD CALL HIM DIRECT. I TOLD HIM I WOULD PASS MESSAGE ON. TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 74-14-00.

2. THIS MORNING WE RECEIVED COPY OF BOEING TELEX TO OKINDA AND MINISTER OF STATE NTOUTOUME (WHO FIRST RAISED MATTER WITH US IN LIBREVILLE 996). TELEX OUTLINES BOEING INTEREST IN COMING TO ARRANGEMENT WITH GOG ALONG LINES REPORTED BOTH REFTELS, AND PROPOSES IMMEDIATE MEETING WITH GOG EITHER IN PARIS OR LIBREVILLE.

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3. PROBLEM HERE IS THAT OKINDA WAS COMPLETELY TIED UP WITH AFRICAN BANK/FUND MEETING LAST WEEK AND HAS NOW LEFT COUNTRY FOR ONE WEEK. NTOUTOUME WILL LEAVE TOMORROW, MAY 10, FOR FOUR DAYS. WE THEREFORE ARE NOT SURE THAT BOEING MESSAGE WILL BE READ AND ACTED UPON BY RIGHT PEOPLE, INCLUDING BONGO HIMSELF. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT CURIOUS THOUGH IT MAY BE, BOEING

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BONGO'S REQUEST AND CALL HIM DIRECTLY, REPEATING  
IF DESIRED, INFO CONTAINED IN THEIR TELEX. ALTERNATIVE IS TO  
CALL NTOUTOUME (TEL 72-27-70) THIS EVENING, AFTER WHICH HE  
WILL BE OUT OF PICTURE.

4. REQUEST DEPT INFORM BOEING ASAP OF ABOVE. THEY CAN, IF  
THEY WISH, REFER TO BONGO'S STATEMENT TO ME AS REASON FOR CALLING.  
WE WILL CONTINUE IN ANY CASE DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP. FYI:  
WE UNDERSTAND THAT OKINDA IS RATHER LESS ENTHUSIASTIC THAN  
BONGO RE 747 BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WITH IMF STABILIZATION  
PLAN. BOEING MAY THEREFORE BE BETTER ADVISED TO TRY AND CONTACT  
EITHER BONGO OR NTOUTOUME IN ANY CASE. END FYI. TIENKEN

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